

Konso language

Konso (Komso, Khonso, also *Af Karetī*, *Afa Karatti*, *Conso*, *Gato*, *Karate*, *Kareti*) is a Lowland East Cushitic language spoken in southwest Ethiopia. Native speakers of Konso number about 200,000 (SIL 2005). Konso is closely related to Dirasha (also known as Gidole), and serves as a "trade language"—or *lingua franca*—beyond the area of the Konso people. Blench (2006) considers purported dialects Gato and Turo to be separate languages.^[3]

The Grammar of Konso was first described by Hellenthal (2004), and later, in more detail, by Ongaye (2013). The New Testament was published in the Konso language in 2002.

See also

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Native to	Ethiopia
Region	South of Lake Chamo in the bend of the Sagan River
Native speakers	240,000 (2007) ^[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cushitic ▪ Lowland East ▪ Oromoid ▪ Konsoid ▪ Konso
Writing system	Ethiopic script
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	kxc
Glottolog	kons1243 (http://glottolog.org/resource/anguoid/id/kons1243) ^[2]

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